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Greater Mysuru gets fresh push

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairing a meeting in connection with the formation of 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation' at MCC's Zonal Office-3 in city yesterday.

Highlights

- Formation of Greater Mysuru (Grade-1) on the lines of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA)
- Approval likely in the upcoming Cabinet meet
- Rs. 500 crore available in MDA to be utilised
- Enhanced funding expected from Centre, State
- MCC jurisdiction to expand from 86.31 to 333.46 square kilometres
- Local Planning Area to increase from 500 to 1,000 square kilometres
- DPR preparation for Rs. 2,000 crore Peripheral Ring Road approved
- 1.25 lakh private residential sites allotted in Mysuru city outskirts

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BLU&BCT)- The State Government's official withdrawal of the proposal to form a 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation' (Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike) has not stalled the project's progress. It gained renewed momentum yesterday, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairing the inaugural meeting to implement Greater Mysuru.

The plan aims to bring together 1 City Municipal Council, 4 Town Panchayats and 8 Gram Panchayats — comprising a total of 20 villages — into a unified urban body. It also seeks to merge the surrounding City Municipal Council and Town Panchayats with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to enable coordinated and integrated urban development.

The meeting, held at MCC's Zonal Office-3, saw the CM emphasise that Mysuru must evolve into a Greater Mysuru without compromising its dignity, cultural heritage or spacious urban character. The development rekindled hope among Mysureans who have long envisioned their rapidly growing cultural city being elevated to Grade-1 municipal status — a move expected to bring greater administrative and developmental advantages to the region.

(See BLUEPRINT on page 6)

Mysore Airport gets first woman Director

P.V. Ushakumari

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (RK&KS)- P.V. Ushakumari, who was serving as the Deputy General Manager and Head of Airside Operations of Kozhikode (Karipur) International Airport, has been appointed as the seventh and first woman Director of Mysore Airport at Mandakalli. She assumed charge on Oct. 31.

Her appointment as the first female Director of Mysore Airport marks a significant milestone in women's empowerment and a moment of distinction in Indian aviation.

A native of Anayara in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, she began her career as a Security Supervisor in the Operations Department at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

(See DIRECTOR on page 7)

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

CAUVERY AND TULA MASA: *King Harischandra once sought the wisdom of sage Sounaka and his companions. With devotion, he asked how people might live without sin and with happiness and how one could reach God. The rishis told him to perform a yagna. When preparations began, sage Narada arrived and through his divine sight, stopped the king and said the yagna could start only after the king cleansed the sins of his past birth. Narada advised him to bathe in the holy river Cauvery during Tula masa (falling between mid-October and mid-November).*

Azhagiya Manavalan Swamy said in a discourse that Aagneya Puranam explains in detail about the river Cauvery and Tula masa. It is a time of divine merit and purification. Sage Agastya told Harischandra that one may light lamps with ghee or sesame oil in temples during this month. On the banks of the Cauvery, devotees may also distribute honey, cows with calves and bulls and donate seeds to farmers. Performing ancestral rites and offering sesame seeds are acts of spiritual significance. Food can also be served to the poor. Donating woollen garments during this month brings blessings of peace, happiness and good progeny. It is believed that these selfless deeds wash away accumulated sins and invite divine grace into one's life. During the Tula Masa ritual practice in the Cauvery basin, the river's heightened soteriological efficacy is premised on the belief that numerous sacred rivers converge in its waters to facilitate expiation of sin and the attainment of well-being. Thondaradippodi Azhwar says, "Gangaiyinum Punidhamagiya Cauvery," which means that Cauvery is holier than river Ganga. —*In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Lost dog found after five years, 520 miles away

Lucedale: A pint-sized pooch who went missing from her family's Mississippi home about five years ago was reunited with her owners after turning up in a Florida city about 520 miles away.

Kristy Taylor and Josh Craig said their dog, a chihuahua and dachshund mix named Penny, went missing from their home in Lucedale.

They never found out what became of Penny until the canine was found wandering the streets of DeLand, Fla., five years later until Briana Rideout found Penny and coaxed her inside the home she shares with her boyfriend, Daniel Lenoci. The couple cared for Penny while they posted on Facebook about the found pet.

Taylor and Craig made the drive to Florida and were reunited with Penny.

Mascot's birthday breaks world record

Cincinnati: Ohio State University celebrated the 60th birthday of its mascot, Brutus Buckeye, by breaking the Guinness World Record for the most conical party hats worn at a single event.

The school gathered 1,923 people to don party hats at the Recreation and Physical Activity Centre on campus. The gathering took the Guinness World Record from Britain's Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls, which gathered 1,161 people in party hats in 2019.

Dave Isaacs, spokesperson for the Office of Student Life at OSU, said the idea of breaking a Guinness World Record for Brutus' 60th birthday was born out of a desire to top the 50th birthday celebration in 2015.

"This was one of the ideas that came up. We ran with it and here we are," Isaacs said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Most strokes occur in the early morning hours when blood pressure naturally rises.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A.R. - Senior Consultant - Neurosurgery & Endo Vascular Surgeon - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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State-level Workshop on Strategic ESG and CSR

'Integrating People, Planet and Profits in the Indian Business Context'

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The Department of Studies in Business Administration, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre (PBMMEC), PG Wing, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (Autonomous), Mysuru, in collaboration with Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), will conduct a two-day State-level Workshop on 'Strategic ESG and CSR: Integrating People, Planet and Profits in the Indian Business Context' on Nov. 7 and 8 at its MTA Auditorium, PBMMEC.

The workshop offers a platform for students, academicians and professionals to engage in discussions and deliberations on contemporary opportunities and challenges in ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) in India.

The workshop will be inaugurated by Arjun Ranga, Chairman, GRAAM and CEO & Managing Director, N. Ranga Rao & Sons, who will also deliver the keynote address.

For details, contact the Programme Convenor on Mob: 99861-81612 or 96202-07879.

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REALLY...?

- *Just like humans, cows form close bonds with certain individuals in their herd. When separated from their best friend, they can become stressed.*
- *Sharks have been swimming in the oceans for over 400 million years, while trees appeared on land only about 350 million years ago.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

President: *Why did you engage that man as a cashier? He squints, has a crooked nose and outstanding ears.*
Manager: *Of course, he will be so easy to identify if he ever absconds!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar = **Rs. 88.57**

1 UK Pound = **Rs. 116.32**

1 UAE Dirham = **Rs. 24.11**

1 Euro = **Rs. 102.01**

VOICE OF THE READER

Garbage dumping on vacant plot in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage

Sir,

I wish to draw the attention of the authorities concerned and fellow citizens to the growing menace of garbage dumping on a vacant plot in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

Earlier, garbage dumped along the roadside was removed by the MCC Pourakarmikas. However, it appears that the waste has now been shifted and dumped on an adjacent vacant plot.

This has unfortunately encouraged some people to continue dumping household waste, old mattresses and other debris at the same location.

The situation has become an eyesore and poses a serious health hazard to nearby residents. The enclosed photograph clearly shows the deplorable condition of the vacant site.

I appeal to the civic authorities to take immediate steps to clear the garbage and put up warning boards or fencing to prevent further dumping. The co-operation of citizens in maintaining cleanliness and civic responsibility is also earnestly requested.

—B.N. Ashok
Vijayanagar II Stage
3.11.2025

140 volunteers paint PFA Animal Rescue Shelter

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The spirit of kindness and community came alive on Sunday as more than 140 volunteers from diverse backgrounds gathered for 'Paint for Paws', a VPaws mission by V The Volunteers (VTVO), at the People For Animals (PFA) Animal Rescue Shelter, Mysuru.

From Grade 5 students to Ph.D scholars and professionals from leading MNCs, participants spent the day transforming the shelter into a bright, cheerful haven for the 250-plus rescued animals who reside there.

Armed with paintbrushes and smiles, the volunteers brought the walls to life with vibrant colours, pawprints, inspiring quotes and artwork celebrating compassion, hope and coexistence.

This VPaws initiative is part of VTVO's ongoing mission to engage citizens in meaningful acts of service that blend creativity with compassion.

'IMPERIUM 2025'

Inter-school, inter-collegiate fest at Sapient College

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (KS)- Sapient College of Commerce and Management in city has organised 'IMPERIUM 2025,' an inter-school and inter-collegiate fest aimed at nurturing creativity, intellect and innovation among young minds at its premises in Metagalli on Nov. 7.

IMPERIUM 2025 will feature cultural, literary, marketing, IT, cooking without fire, treasure hunt and gaming events.

The fest is open to students from Grades 9 to 12 and PUC and participants can register for multiple events.

Spot registrations are also open till 9 am on Nov. 7.

For registration and details, interested institutions and students may call Mob: 99807-37788 or Ph: 0821-2334642 or visit the college.

Blood Donation Drive held at Manipal Hospital

Mysuru, Nov. 4- In a world where the need for blood often outpaces its availability, Manipal Hospital, Mysore, took a vital step toward bridging this life-saving gap through a Blood Donation Camp held on Oct. 31 at its premises in association with Jeevadhara.

Organised as part of the hospital's continued observance of World Trauma Day (Oct. 17), the initiative saw participation from citizens across Mysuru, reaffirming that compassion and community spirit remain humanity's most powerful lifelines.

Despite medical advances, there is a constant demand for blood during emergencies especially in road traffic accidents, trauma cases and complex surgeries. Voluntary donations still fall short of need. Addressing this critical reality, Pramod Kunder, Hospital Director, Manipal Hospital said, "Blood is one of the few medical resources that cannot be manufactured; it can only come from generous donors. In trauma care, time and blood are often the two most decisive factors for survival. Through initiatives like this camp, we aim to ensure that no patient's life is jeopardised due to lack of timely blood availability."

Rekha Bai, Inspector, NR Traffic Police Station, who was also part of the drive to educate people on Trauma and Emergency said, "As Police Officers, we are often the first to reach accident/crime sites where victims suffer massive blood loss. We see up close how crucial blood availability is in those golden minutes. This camp by Manipal Hospital is more than medical initiative. It dubs as a humanitarian lifeline thatcanturntragedyintosurvival."

5-day State Music Conference in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (MK&BNR)- Karnataka Ganakala Parishat has organised 54th Senior Music Scholars and 36th Young Music Scholars Conference at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kala Vedike in Kuvempunagar from Nov. 5 to 9.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city recently, Parishat President Dr. R.K. Padmanabh said that Dr. C.A. Sridhar and Vid. Mattur R. Srinidhi will preside over Senior Music Scholars and Young Music Scholars Conference respectively.

Senior writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj will inaugurate the conference at 10.30 am tomorrow, he said and added that there will be music concerts every day from 10 am to 10 pm during the 5-day conference.

At the valedictory on Nov. 9, retd. High Court Judge K.N. Phaneendra and Vani Vidyakendra Trustee R.H. Sharada Prasad will be the chief guests.

Ganabharathi Secretary Ravishankar and Music Scholar Manasa Nayana were present at the press meet.

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New team of Mysuru Anglo-Indian Assn.

A group photo of the new office-bearers of Mysuru Anglo-Indian Association for the year 2025-26. Seen are (from left) Barbara Bayer (Joint Treasurer), Richard Sherwood (Member), Justus Rodrigues (Youth Member), Roger Lewis (Youth Member), Sheldon Taylor (Youth Member), Glen Taylor (Member), Jude Daly (Hon. Treasurer), Joy Anthony Dove (President), Dr. Lawrence Jenkins (Governing Body Member), G.A. Edwards (Hon. Secretary), Caroline Daly (Vice-President), Christine Lynn D'Cruz (Joint Secretary & Youth Member) and Cynthia Pereira (Youth Member).

NEWS BRIEFS

Cost & Management Accountants Course

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Mysuru Chapter, has started admission to Foundation, Intermediate and Final Course of CMA for (December - 2025 batch) June - 2026 term Examination. Eligibility for admission: Foundation Course - Pass in II PUC; Intermediate Course - Pass in Foundation or any Degree; Final Course - Pass in Intermediate course of CMA. Waiting for the degree final semester result students can take the admission for intermediate. Interested candidates may contact the office at No. 1420, 7th Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru, from 10 am to 12 noon and 5 pm to 7.30 pm. Contact Ph: 0821-2331083 or Mob: 97317-89222.

Sudarshan Kriya

Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji's Art of Living will be conducting a workshop to achieve a stress free, healthy, happy and peaceful life from Nov. 4 to 8 at The Art of Living Ashram on Lalithadripura Road in city from 6 am to 8.30 am and 6 pm to 8.30 pm. Workshop includes yoga, pranayama, meditation and powerful breathing technique called Sudarshan Kriya. [Mob: 94804-76825 or 94835-89825]

Coaching classes

Netaji Education Foundation, Mysuru, has organised a three-month long coaching classes from Nov. 5, for aspirants appearing for FDA/SDA recruitment written exam to be conducted by the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA). For registration and details, contact the Foundation office at No. 400, 'Athreya,' Krishna Vilas Road, near Jaganmohan Palace, Devaraja Mohalla. For details, call Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611.

SBI holds campaign on unclaimed deposits

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (MTY&DM)- As part of the October to December-2025 campaign for settlement of unclaimed deposits in Bank accounts, the State Bank of India (SBI), the Lead Bank, Mysuru, launched a drive at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) auditorium in city yesterday.

SBI Chief Manager Vadiraj Deshpande, SBI Chief Manager Eshwar Naik, ZP Deputy Secretary Bhimappa K. Lali and RBI Manager Jeevika seen during the launch of the campaign for clearing of pendency of unclaimed deposits in Banks, at the ZP Auditorium in city yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Lead Bank SBI Chief Manager Vadiraj Deshpande said that the campaign has been launched with the theme 'Your Money, Your Right.' Pointing out that the campaign will help the customers who have forgotten money in their old bank accounts to get back their deposits, he said that the Lead Bank has launched unclaimed deposits identification and enrolment campaign.

"There is a total of Rs. 157.33 crore unclaimed money in 5,05,424 accounts in 534 branches of 31 Banks in Mysuru district as on Aug. 31, 2025. The pendency has been shared with the Banks. 100 DEAF (Depositor Education and Awareness Fund) accounts per branch will be achieved during the campaign period," he noted.

DEAF fund, is managed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Banks transfer the money from any account that has been inactive for 10 years or more to this special fund. Depositors can reclaim their money by visiting their bank with the required identification documents.

Stating that SBI, Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, Karnataka Grameena Bank and Karnataka Banks have the most number of inactive accounts, Deshpande said, Canara Bank topped the list with 1,22,559 accounts having total deposit of Rs. 44.38 crore, followed by SBI with 85,061 accounts, having a total deposit of Rs. 43.86 crore. He appealed the customers to visit their bank for clearing their unclaimed deposits in their old bank accounts.

RBI Manager Jeevika, who also addressed the press meet, said that the Banks should strive for making this campaign successful. The Banks should also ensure that the pendency is cleared during the campaign.

SBI Chief Manager Eshwar Nayak, ZP Deputy Secretary Bheemappa and other officials were present.

Miscreants masquerading as tenants attack elderly woman

Decamp with cash & gold jewellery

Nanjangud, Nov. 4 (RK&KS)- Miscreants, on the pretext of inspecting a house they wanted to take on rent, assaulted an elderly woman and decamped with cash and gold jewellery worth lakhs of rupees from the house yesterday.

Dakshayinamma

The incident took place at the house of Girish, a teacher and residing near Sai Baba Temple at Devirammanahalli Layout in the town. Girish had put up a board in front of his house stating that the first floor house was available on rent.

Yesterday at about 2 pm, two persons came to the house when Girish's mother 65-year-old Dakshayinamma was alone and told her that they wanted to take the house on rent following which Dakshayinamma took the house keys and went to the first floor, followed by the two men.

When she opened the door and entered the house, the two men allegedly overpowered her, tied her up and brutally assaulted her causing grievous injuries rendering her unconscious.

The two men then came to the ground floor, ransacked the belongings and decamped with cash and gold jewellery worth lakhs of rupees from the house.

When Girish came to the house in the evening, he could not find his mother on the ground floor following which he went to the first floor and was shocked to see his mother tied up, sustained serious injuries and unconscious.

Girish then rushed his mother to a hospital, where she was provided first-aid and later she was admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru.

Following a complaint from Girish, Nanjangud Town Circle Inspector C.M. Ravindra and staff rushed to the house, conducted mahazar, summoned the District Fingerprint Unit personnel and the Dog Squad to the spot, besides registering a case.

Addl. SP C. Mallik, Dy.SP Raghu and other Police officers also visited the spot.

The Town Police have collected footages of CCTV cameras installed in the vicinity of the crime spot and are investigating.

Ex-Minister H.Y. Meti no more

Bengaluru, Nov. 4- Bagalkot Congress MLA H.Y. Meti, also a former Minister, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru this morning following age-related illness.

H.Y. Meti

The 79-year-old sitting MLA from Bagalkot, had served as a Cabinet Minister in first Siddaramaiah-led Congress Govt. in 2013 as Minister for Excise, but had to quit under unceremonious circumstances in Dec., 2016.

H.Y. Meti (Hullappa Yamanappa Meti) was one of the senior leaders of Bagalkot district, serving for over four decades. He was elected from Bagalkot Assembly Segment twice (2013 and 2023). Previously, he was elected as MLA from the then Guledagudda Assembly Segment in Bagalkot district thrice (1989, 1994 & 2004), during which he served as Minister for Forest from 1994 to 1996 in the then Janata Dal Government. He was elected to Lok Sabha from Bagalkot seat in 1996 on a Janata Dal ticket. He later quit Janata Dal to join Congress in 2008.

His last rites will be performed with State honours at his native Timmapur in Bagalkot district tomorrow (Nov. 5), it is learnt.

CM Siddaramaiah had visited him in the hospital a few days ago to enquire about his health.

Renukaswamy Murder Case

Court to hear witnesses on Nov. 10

Bengaluru, Nov. 4 (Agencies)- A Bengaluru Court yesterday framed charges against actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, his friend Pavithra Gowda and 15 other accused in the Renukaswamy murder case. Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-57) framed the charges in the presence of Darshan, Pavithra and other accused following which all the accused denied the charges against them.

Seeing the crowd burgeoning inside the Courtroom, the Judge instructed everyone not connected to the case to leave.

After clearing the crowd, the charge-framing process began and the charges against the accused were read out. As all the accused denied the charges on them, Court posted the hearing of witnesses to Nov. 10.

Obituary

Sarojamma

Mysuru, Nov. 4- Sarojamma (Sakamma), wife of late Ramalingaiah and a resident of Nazarbad, passed away yesterday in city. She was 85.

She leaves behind three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to family sources.

Yashodha

Yashodha (32), an employee of Woodnote Pre-School in city and a resident of Kumbarakoppal village in K.R. Nagar taluk, passed away yesterday at the village.

She leaves behind her husband and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the village this afternoon, according to school sources.

Film City Project to take off soon: CM

160 acres of land at Himmavu in Nanjangud taluk handed over to Department of Information and Public Relations; DPR to be ready this December

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, seen along with State film awardees (sitting from left) directors Richard Castelino and N.R. Nanjunde Gowda, actors Umashree & G.K. Sreenivas Murthy, director P. Sheshadri and cinematographer B.S. Basavaraj, at the KSOU Convocation Hall in city yesterday. MLAs K. Harishgowda & D. Ravishankar, MLCs Dr. D. Thimmaiah & C.N. Manjegowda, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman & actor Sadhu Kokila and other dignitaries are also seen.

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (SBD&BS)-The long awaited Film City project is set to become a reality, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asserting that, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for proposed Film City will be ready by this December, followed by unhindered procedures without any prolonged delay.

He was addressing the gathering during the State Film Awards ceremony for the years 2018 and 2019, organised at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall on Hunsur Road in city yesterday.

Kannada, filmdom

Siddaramaiah said, the Government is committed for the cause of Kannada language and filmdom. Accordingly, the Government is making constant efforts to build Film City in Mysuru and 160 acres of land at Himmavu in Nanjangud taluk, has been already handed over to the Department of Information and Public Relations. The DPR will be ready by December and the project will be taken up under Public Private Participation (PPP) model. The Film City in Mysuru will be built on the model of Film City in Hyderabad, added Siddaramaiah.

Subsidy

Referring to the subsidy for Kannada films pending since three years, Siddaramaiah assured to release subsidy all together, but advised the film makers against making films, eyeing subsidy. Instead, the films that may be watched by everyone and can influence the society with quality in production should be made.

Film Awards

Making a pointed reference to the State Film Awards for the years 2018 and 2019 being conferred this year, Siddaramaiah, though acknowledged that the awards were further delayed even after his Government came to power two-and-a-half years ago, stated that he has held discussions with Department of Information and Public Relations to avoid recurring delay. The awards for the years 2020 and 2021 will also be conferred soon. It would be meaningless if the awards are conferred late and hence it has been decided to confer the awards in the same year.

Effective media

Siddaramaiah opined that, film is the most effective media among all, with a larger impact on people and society. There were instances of cine lovers influenced by films undergoing change, by aping the roles of their favourite heroes in real life too. Now, there is a vice-versa in situation.

Haven't watched *Kantara-1* yet...

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented the Best Entertaining Film of the Year-2018 Award to Rishab Shetty, Director of the film 'Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale Kasaragodu' and his Film Producer wife Pragathi Shetty in city yesterday. Others seen are District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and MLA K. Harishgowda.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, he hasn't watched the film *'Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1'* yet. Going down memory lane, he said, "When I was a student, I was watching movies daily. Now, there has been an increase in number of films, but I have stopped watching them. If somebody insists, I go to movies. But, I haven't watched the film *'Kantara-1'* yet. I have heard many saying, the movie is good and has raked in a good money, besides impacting the society. However, I haven't watched the movie due to paucity of time, but will watch the movie for sure."

State Film Awards presented in city

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa seen along with recipients of State Film Awards for the year 2018 and 2019 respectively — Best Actor Raghavendra Rajkumar (sitting fifth from right) and Best Actress Meghana Raj and Best Actress Anupama Gowda (fifth from left) and Best Story - Jayanth Kaikini (first from left), at the awards presentation ceremony held in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (PM&BS)-State Film Awards for the years 2018 and 2019 were conferred by the Department of Information and Public Relations, at a star studded ceremony, organised at KSOU Convocation Hall in city yesterday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented the awards, along with District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs K. Harishgowda and D. Ravishankar, MLCs Dr. D. Thimmaiah and C.N. Manjegowda, Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose, Chairman of Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy and actor Sadhu Kokila and several other dignitaries.

Recipients of the awards for the year 2018

Best Actor: Raghavendra Rajkumar (Film: *Ammana Mane*); Best Actress: Meghana Raj (Film: *Iruvudella Bittu*); First Best Film - *Aa Karala Rathri*; Second Best Film - *Ramana Savari* and Third Best Film - *Ondalla Eradalla.*

Dr. Rajkumar Award for Lifetime Achievement - Actor G.K. Srinivasa Murthy; Puttanna Kanagal Award - Director P. Sheshadri and Dr. Vishnuvardhan Award - cinematographer B.S. Basavaraj. Best Entertaining Film - Rishab Shetty's 'Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale Kasaragoodu'; Best Children's Film - 'Hoovu Balli.'

Recipients of the awards for 2019

Best Actor: Kichcha Sudeep (Film: *Pailwan*); Best Actress: Anupama Gowda (Film: *Thrayambakam*); First Best Film - *Mohandas*; Second Best Film - *Love Mocktail* and Third Best Film - *Arghyam*. Dr. Rajkumar Award for Lifetime Achievement - Actress Umashree; Puttanna Kanagal Award - director N.R. Nanjunde Gowda and Dr. Vishnuvardhan Award - director Richard Castelino. Best Entertaining Film - Dr. Nagathihalli Chandrashekar's 'India V/s England'; Best Children's Film - 'Eelli Aadodu Naavu Eelli Aadodu.'

MCC approves Mysuru's upgradation to Grade-1 City

Move set to boost property values and expand civic services across merged areas

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (RK&BCT)- Following Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's first meeting on upgrading Mysuru from a Grade-II to a Grade-I City Corporation under the Greater Mysuru plan, the MCC Council today approved the proposal.

The Council meeting, chaired by MCC Additional Deputy Commissioner Kusuma Kumari, paves the way for the inclusion of one City Municipal Council, four Town Panchayats and eight Gram Panchayats within the MCC limits. The move will extend key civic amenities such as waste collection and Under-Ground Drainage (UGD) facilities to the city's outer areas. Property values in the new and yet-to-be-developed layouts are expected to rise significantly — a development that will benefit real estate investors — while existing residents will gain access to comprehensive municipal services under the MCC.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Somashekhar said that the upgradation will not only ensure better infrastructure but also attract greater funding and subsidies from both the State and Central Governments. "There will be uniform development across the expanded city limits, and this requires the recruitment of around 500 additional staff in the MCC," he added.

Meanwhile, in Bengaluru, under the directions of Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, a meeting of the Urban Development Commissionerate was convened at the MS Building under the chairmanship of Town and Country Planning Commissioner R. Venkatachalapathi to prepare a DPR for Mysuru's upgradation.

Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) Executive Engineer Sampath attended the meeting representing the city.

Industrial and infrastructure boost

Greater Mysuru — already Karnataka's fastest-growing urban centre after Bengaluru — is expected to receive a major boost in industrial and entrepreneurial activity once the upgradation is formalised. The initiative could also pave the way for large-scale infrastructure projects such as the Peripheral Ring Road and a future Metro Rail network to receive Central Government support.

Officials noted that areas beyond the Ring Road are already receiving drinking water from the Kabini and Cauvery rivers, making water tax collection viable. This fiscal readiness strengthens Mysuru's case for additional Central funding to support holistic development across its expanding boundaries.

Disappointment for political aspirants

However, the move may disappoint political aspirants eyeing the upcoming Municipal elections. With Chief Minister Siddaramaiah having given the green signal for the formation of Greater Mysuru, the elections are likely to be deferred until key processes such as Ward delimitation and reservation process are finalised.

In the meantime, four Town Panchayats and one City Municipal Council — all currently under the charge of administrative officers — are expected to be dissolved to make way for a unified urban administrative structure.

Future-ready blueprint

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Outlining his vision, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah issued clear directives to officials and instructed the District Administration to prepare a scientific and future-ready blueprint to ensure Mysuru does not encounter the urban challenges that plague Bengaluru — including traffic congestion, drainage failures, footpath encroachments, drinking water shortages and inadequate sewage treatment.

The Chief Minister stressed that the blueprint must be comprehensive and forward-looking, designed for a 15-20-year horizon and integrate advanced technologies for the scientific management of solid and industrial waste.

The meeting followed months of deliberation over the long-standing demand by elected representatives to merge the nearby Urban Local Bodies with MCC under a single Greater Mysuru administrative framework.

Enhanced civic facilities, connectivity

Reiterating his priorities, Siddaramaiah said traffic problems must be eliminated and called for modern technology to be utilised across all aspects of urban governance — from employment generation to solid waste management. He insisted that new residential layouts be developed with systematic provisions for underground drainage, water supply, electricity, roads and public parks.

Highlighting the need for improved connectivity, the CM also urged officials to begin immediate planning for an additional Outer Ring Road to accommodate Mysuru's future growth.

He further underscored the importance of increasing revenue generation through better projections and efficient planning. "Mysuru's wide roads are its pride. Greater Mysuru must grow in a structured, well-planned and sustainable manner," he said, adding that the number of civic workers must be increased proportionally to the rising population.

Sept. 16 State order

On Sept. 16, 2025, citing financial constraints, the State Finance Department advised deferring the Greater Mysuru project. Acting on this recommendation, Prabhuling Kavalikatti, Director of the Directorate of Municipal Administration, issued an order on Sept. 16, formally withdrawing the proposal and postponing it to the next financial year.

However, following the latest meeting with the Chief Minister, the vision of a unified and expansive Greater Mysuru will be a reality in the near future.

The meeting was attended by Social Welfare and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, MLAs K. Harishgowda, G.T. Devegowda, and Tanveer Sait, MLCs A.H. Vishwanath, C.N. Manjegowda, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, K. Shivakumar and Dr. D. Thimmaiah.

Also present were Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Zilla Panchayat CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and senior officials from various departments.

Rs. 500 cr. MDA fund to fuel Greater Mysuru development

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BCT)- Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh has announced that Rs. 500 crore from MDA will be utilised for integrated development of Greater Mysuru. Addressing reporters after the inaugural meeting on Greater Mysuru, the Minister said, MDA funds would be channelled towards holistic and sustainable growth. Mysuru, he noted, is blessed with a favourable climate, rich forest cover and abundant natural resources — yet, for the city to truly progress, its core infrastructure must be strengthened.

To steer Mysuru's long-term development, a new expert committee will be constituted to plan for the next 100 years. The panel will deliberate on strategies for comprehensive, multi-sectoral growth and prepare actionable plans for implementation.

Expansion and funding

With the proposed expansion of Greater Mysuru to include areas under the City Corporation as well as surrounding local bodies, additional funding will be crucial. MDA has already earmarked Rs. 500 crore and sought special grants. The formation of Greater Mysuru, the Minister said, is expected to attract enhanced funding under various Central Government schemes.

MDA's jurisdiction, currently spread over 500 sq. km, is likely to double to 1,000 sq. km, paving the way for new residential layouts and large-scale infrastructure planning to meet future demands. A DPR preparation for the construction of a Peripheral Ring Road around Mysuru's outskirts has already been approved. The project — estimated to cost Rs. 2,000 crore — will be executed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

In addition, about 1.25 lakh private residential sites have been allotted in the city's outskirts, where housing development is expected to accelerate.

Newer Areas

The MCC limits will be expanded to include the following local bodies:

- Hootagalli City Municipal Council
- Srirampura Town Panchayat
- Rammanahalli Town Panchayat
- Kadakola Town Panchayat
- Bogadi Town Panchayat
- Yelwal Gram Panchayat
- Siddalingapura Gram Panchayat
- Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat
- Naganahalli Gram Panchayat
- Nagawala Gram Panchayat
- Dhanagalli Gram Panchayat
- Beerihundi Gram Panchayat
- Alanahalli Gram Panchayat

The existing MCC currently covers an area of 86.31 square kilometres. Under the proposed Greater Mysuru, this will be expanded to 333.46 square kilometres.

According to the 2011 Census, the population within MCC was 11,19,705. The projected population for 2025 is 14,16,871. Greater Mysuru planning is aligned with this population growth.

Project to bridge urban-rural divide, spur infrastructure: GTD

GTD

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BCT)- Greater Mysuru will bring much-needed relief to residents living in layouts surrounding Mysuru city and will bridge urban-rural disparity, said Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD).

Expressing satisfaction that the long-pending demand for a Greater Mysuru — which he has consistently championed for several years — is now poised to receive Cabinet approval, Devegowda said that most residential layouts developed by housing cooperatives and private builders around Mysuru lack essential civic infrastructure such as septic tanks, proper roads, parks and underground drainage.

"The existing roads are full of potholes and UGD situation is especially dire. Many residents who built homes with great hope are now facing daily hardship," GTD said.

"I have been urging the Government for years to provide comprehensive infrastructure and ensure peace of mind for these citizens. The CM responded positively to our appeal to include surrounding areas under the Mysuru City Corporation and form a Greater Mysuru with full-scale development."

He also sought the inclusion of Kadakola and Nagawala Gram Panchayats, along with the Nagarthahalli and Beerihundi, within the proposed Greater Mysuru limits.

Moments after inauguration…

Statue of Devaraj Urs sparks dissent over facial features

Doesn't resemble late leader, say many; sculptors cite daughter's supervision

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (MTY&BS)- A day after the unveiling of the statue of former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs at the premises of the new Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, dissenting voices have emerged over the statue's appearance, which many say bears little resemblance to Devaraj Urs.

Devaraj Urs

The sculptors of the statue, who preferred to remain anonymous, distanced themselves from the controversy, attributing the statue's final form to the directions of Urs' daughter, Bharati Urs, who supervised the sculpting work from start to finish.

"From the head to the fingers, and from physical features like shoulders to the draping of the dhoti, every detail was shaped as per the instructions of Bharati Urs," the sculptors clarified.

Daughter's role

They explained that the tender for the work was secured through Nirmiti Kendra under the Department of Kannada and Culture, based on a photograph provided by the Mysuru District Administration.

A dummy model was prepared accordingly, but Bharati Urs rejected it and supplied another photograph for reference. The statue was then sculpted under her guidance, with regular corrections made as per her advice.

"She inspected the statue several times and gave final approval before it was shifted to the DC Office premises. She even appreciated our work, saying this statue was better compared to those at Hunsur, Kallahalli — his native place — and Bengaluru," the sculptors said.

They further stated that when asked about her social media remarks, Bharati clarified she had merely echoed others' opinions and had not blamed the sculptors.

Corrective measures on cards?

Meanwhile, MLC A.H. Vishwanath said that since many people have expressed similar views, the statue should be corrected at the earliest.

He recalled that even the statue of Urs installed at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru had drawn criticism for resembling former Pandavapura MLA H. Kempegowda — a likeness first pointed out by pro-Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj.

Narasimharaja MLA and former Minister Tanveer Sait said he plans to write to the Department of Kannada and Culture, urging corrective action.

President of the D. Devaraj Urs Prathime Pratishtapana Samiti, Zakir Hussain, echoed the sculptors' view, stating that while minor variations are common in statue works, the final outcome was satisfactory.

It may be recalled that even Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, during the unveiling ceremony, had remarked that the statue appeared quite different from the late leader Devaraj Urs.

Rs. 200 cap on cinema ticket prices

SC stays order asking multiplexes to maintain ticket sale records

New Delhi, Nov. 4 (UNI) - The Supreme Court (SC) on Monday stayed the Karnataka High Court's order directing cinema multiplexes across the State to maintain auditable accounts of every ticket sold during the pendency of a case challenging the State Government's decision to cap ticket prices at Rs. 200.

A Bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta passed the interim stay while issuing notice on petitions filed by the Multiplex Association of India and others challenging the High Court's Sept. 30 order.

The Court clarified that the Single Bench of the High Court may continue hearing the case relating to validity of Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2025, which introduced the Rs. 200 ticket price ceiling.

Earlier, the Single Bench had stayed the enforcement of the price cap, while a Division Bench, though not vacating the stay, imposed additional compliance conditions on multiplexes — including the maintenance of detailed financial and customer records.

Aggrieved by these directions, the Multiplex Association of India moved the Supreme Court.

Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the petitioners, argued that the High Court's order was "unworkable" and impractical in the digital age.

Counsel for the State of Karnataka defended the High Court's interim directions as a temporary safeguard to ensure refunds to movie-goers if the Government ultimately succeeded in defending the price cap.

Senior Advocate Shyam Divan, also representing the petitioners, maintained that the State lacked statutory authority to fix ticket prices, calling the directions a violation of commercial freedom.

First woman Director

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During her tenure at Chennai Airport, Ushakumari played a key role in establishing the Airport Operations Control Centre (AOCC). Her leadership during the 2015 Chennai floods, ensuring smooth airport operations, earned widespread recognition. Similarly, during the 2018 Kerala floods, her efforts at Thiruvananthapuram Airport to facilitate passenger movement showcased her organisational and crisis management skills.

She was also involved in airport operations during the 2025 Prayagraj Maha Kumbh Mela, which was another defining moment in her career.

As Head of the Department (Airside Operations) at Calicut Airport, her contributions to enhancing operational efficiency and safety were noteworthy. She implemented effective measures in bus service coordination, airport sanitation, bird hazard reduction and waste management.

Her collaboration with the Malappuram district administration ensured environmental protection around the airport, and her coordination with the Air Force and Coast Guard during disaster response operations further demonstrated her leadership capabilities.

She also served as the Nodal Officer for KSIE cargo operations and played a crucial role in implementing Low Visibility Procedures and strengthening AOCC functions.

Ushakumari is married to Anildev, a film director and a senior advocate and the couple has two children Abhirami and Abhishek.

About Mysore Airport

Mysore Airport project at Mandakalli began in 2006 and the Airport was inaugurated in 2010 with N.N.R. Rao assuming charge as the In-charge Airport Director followed by Rajiv Kumar Gupta.

Later, C. Manjunath was appointed as the Director followed by Manoj Kumar Singh, R. Manjunath and Anup. Now, P.V. Ushakumari has been appointed as the first woman Director of Mysore Airport.

Notebook manufacturing unit gutted near Udbur

Loss estimated at Rs. 15 crore

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (RK&KS) - A notebook manufacturing unit has been gutted in an accidental fire near Udbur, Jayapura Hobli in the taluk on Saturday.

On Saturday night, a fire broke out at M.M. Paper Industries belonging to M. Shanthilal and soon flames engulfed the industry destroying manufacturing equipment, raw materials, finished products and other things including a major portion of the manufacturing unit.

Jayapura Police, who rushed to the spot, informed Saraswathipuram, Bannimantap and Hebbal Fire Stations in Mysuru immediately, following which Fire and Emergency Services personnel, along with fire extinguishing vehicles reached the spot and managed to douse the fire in the night-long operation, thus preventing the fire from spreading further.

Meanwhile, Shanthilal, in a written statement to the Police has said that raw material, finished products (notebooks), equipment and the building worth about Rs. 15 crore had been destroyed in the fire.

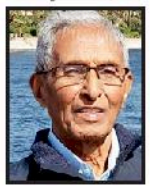
Jayapura Police, who conducted mahazar, have registered a case and are investigating.

Mysuru District Fire Officer Gururaj, Regional Officer Chandan and over 50 Fire and Emergency Services staff including Rajesh and Nagaraje Urs took part in the fire extinguishing operation.

Obituary

Chendrimada G. Ponnappa

Mysuru, Nov. 4 - Dr. Chendrimada G. Ponnappa (86), a resident of Brigade Palmgrove in Bogadi, passed away here this noon.



He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held tomorrow at 11.30 am at Mukthidhama, Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

G. Sukanya

G. Sukanya (65), wife of late M.G. Ramachandra and a resident of No. 596, B.B. Block at HUDCO in Bannimantap, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind son R. Shyam, daughter-in-law Ramya, one daughter, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

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VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Division Men & Women Badminton Championships

NIE, GSSSIETW emerge champions

Mysuru, Nov.4 - The National Institute of Engineering (NIE) and GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW) emerged winners in VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Division Badminton Championship - 2025 in the men's and women's category respectively.

The championship was organised by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, NIE, at NIE Diamond Jubilee Indoor Sports Complex in city recently.

In the men's finals, NIE, Mysuru beat VVCE, Mysuru (3-2) and in the women's category GSSSIETW overcame VVCE (2-0). Earlier, the championship was inaugurated by Capt. H.N. Shankaranarayana, retired Physical Education Director, NIE.

NIE Vice-Principal Dr. K.C Manjunath, Department of Civil Engineering HoD Dr. Balaji, NIE PE Director R. Kavya, GEC Kushalnagar PE Director Dr. Ramesh and others were present at the prize distribution.

CM announces Rs. 1 crore grant for Chenanda Cup Hockey-2026

Madikeri, Nov. 4 (PS&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday announced a financial grant of Rs. 1 crore for Chenanda Cup Hockey Festival to be held in 2026 in Kodagu district.

Unveiling the Hockey Festival's logo at his home Office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru, the CM praised Kodava community's deep-rooted association with the sport.

The 26th Chenanda Cup Hockey will be held at Napoklu from Apr. 5 to May 2, 2026.

"Kodavas mean hockey and hockey means Kodavas," he remarked, highlighting the region's legacy of producing national and international-level players, including Asian Games.

Siddaramaiah lauded the Kodava community for preserving its cultural identity while excelling in sports. "Kodava culture has retained its distinctiveness and continues to thrive. It is a matter of pride for our heritage. Their talent and dedication have brought immense honour to the nation," he said. Pledging Government support, he added, "We will provide Rs. 1 crore for Chenanda Cup Hockey-2026. I will also attend the matches."

The event was attended by office-bearers of Chenanda Cup, Virajpet MLA and CM's Legal Advisor Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna, Kodagu District Minister N.S. Boseraju, Ministers Byrathi Suresh and Shivaraj Thangadgi.

CM fetes Poovaiah Brothers

Veteran Badminton players Arun Poovaiah and Ashok Poovaiah — Poovaiah Brothers — were felicitated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during the inauguration of Chief Minister's Mangalore India International Challenge-2025, organised by Dakshina Kannada Badminton Association at Urwa Indoor Stadium in Mangaluru on Oct. 27, in recognition of their outstanding contribution and distinguished career spanning 45 years. Native of Nelji, near Napoklu in Kodagu, they are the sons of late Maleyanda Machi - Poovaiah and are presently coaching budding Badminton players in Bengaluru.

St. Marina's High School shines in ball badminton

The boys and girls team of city's St. Marina's English High School excelled in ball badminton at the U-14 Zonal and City-level Ball Badminton Tournament held at Government High School in Kailaspuram recently. The girls team emerged winners in Zonal-level and runner-up in city-level tournament while the boys team emerged winners in Zonal-level tournament. Both teams have been selected for District-level tournament to be held later.

'Sahitya Purusha Saraswathi' award conferred on Dr. CPK

Singer Dr. A.D. Srinivasan, CPK's wife Sharada, Veteran Litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), KIKS Director Dr. N.K. Lolakshi and Tabla artiste Indushekar, who were felicitated at 'Kannada Habba' organised by Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat and Sri Ananteshwara Trust at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha in city on Sunday, are seen with MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Parishat President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy and other guests.

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (DM)- Veteran Litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) was conferred with the prestigious 'Sahitya Purusha Saraswathi' award for lifetime achievement, while other personalities — Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Dr. N.K. Lolakshi, singer Dr. A.D. Srinivasan and Tabla artiste Indushekar were conferred with Kannada Rajyotsava award at the 'Kannada Habba' programme organised under the joint aegis of Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat and Sri Ananteshwara Trust at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road here on Sunday.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah inaugurated the programme, while Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal hoisted the Kannada flag. Noted poet Jayappa Honnali and *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Senior Reporter S.T. Ravikumar (RK), who is also a former Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President, delivered the felicitation address.

Singers Indrani Anantaraj, Rashmi Chikkamagalur, Rajesh Padiyar, N. Bettegowda, Sridhar, Y.D. Rajanna, Raviraj Haasu, Kavita Kamath, Poornima, Srilatha, C.S. Vani, Abdul Khayyam, Nagendra, Vedashri, Sujatha Jayakumar, Vanishri, P.M. Suresh, Shubha Pallavi, Shashikala Anantharam, Spoorthi, Sheela Gurudatt, Sinchana, C. Ramesh, Sugandhamma Jayappa, Sumitra, Manvi U.S. Achar, Charvi Satish, P. Manyata, Upasana and Jarusha presented a melodious Kannada Rajyotsava musical nite.

They were accompanied by Ganesh Bhat and Nagalingesh Achar on keyboard, Raghunath on tabla, Raghavendra Prasad on drums, Gurudatt on rythm pad and Balasubramanya on flute.

All the singers were felicitated on the occasion. Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, Culture Promoter Shankar Devanur, Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy and others were present.

Rotaract & Interact Clubs of De Paul College

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The Rotaract and Interact Clubs of De Paul College held the Installation Ceremony of the new-office bearers for the year 2025-26 at the De Paul College Conference Hall recently.

Rtn. Elizabeth Shakuntala, DRCC for Dist. 3181, was the chiefguest. Rtn. M.S. Raghu, Past President, Rotary Mysore Midtown, was the Installing Officer.

Rtn. K.L. Rakesh Babu, President, Rotary Mysore Midtown, Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik, Hon. Secretary, Rotary Mysore Midtown, Rev. Dr. Baiju Antony CM, Principal, De Paul College, Mysore, Rev. Fr. Anish Xavier CM, Principal, DPIRS, Mysore, Rev. Dr. Shijo Antony CM, Principal, De Paul School, Mysore and Vice-Principal, De Paul College, were the guests of honour.

Rtn. Elizar Milton, Youth Service Director, Rotary Mysore Midtown & Chairman, Trinity Group of Institutions, was present.

The oath of office was administered by Rtn. M.S. Raghu and badges were conferred upon the newly elected members.

Rotaract Club

President - Seija Nanjappa; Vice-President - Michelle Jeeya D'Souza; Secretary - K.M. Kariappa; Joint Secretary - Nida Fathima; Treasurer - J. Deepa; Editor - Ashik Ummer; Club Service Director - Nida Beig; Sergeant at Arms - M. Varun; International Service Director - Alejandra; Community Service Director - Hema Ashok; Vocational Service Director - V. Hema; Public Relation Officer - Ashelle Jeema D'Souza.

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Bamboo Melody Raagas' Krishnaarpanam Series

A Guru-Shishya Presentation

Vid. Rakesh Sudhir and his disciple Vibhav presenting a flute duet at Kalpa Kshetra in city on Oct. 12.

Young Rakesh Sudhir is a devoted disciple of Vid. A.V. Prakash, the late flute maestro of Mysuru. Having imbibed the pristine classicism and grace of his Guru's style, Rakesh now carries forward this legacy with deep commitment.

Through his music school, Bamboo Melody Raagas, he not only trains aspiring flautists but also provides them a platform to perform and grow. Fittingly, these concerts are presented under the banner 'Krishnaarpanam Series.'

As part of this series, **Vid. Rakesh Sudhir** shared the stage with his young disciple Vibhav on Oct. 12, at Kalpa Kshetra in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Mysuru. They were accompanied by **Pavan Madhav** on mridanga and **Sharath Kaushik** on ghata.

Though Rakesh himself played the flute, it was evident that his primary intent was to showcase and encourage his promising student.

The concert began with a traditional invocation, 'Shree Gananatham Bhajare' in Raga Eeshamanohari, composed by Muthuswami Dikshitar. Right from this opening piece, young Vibhav displayed admirable confidence and clarity.

The next composition, 'Maathe Malayadhwaja,' a Daru in Raga Khamach by Muthiah Bhagavatar, was rendered at an engaging pace, revealing Vibhav's control and enthusiasm.

In the Raga Bahudhari alapana, Vibhav showcased his manodharma with creative improvisations, his delicate fingering weaving a charming melodic tapestry. His Guru joined in, extending the raga's depth and expression. T. Chowdayya's composition 'Prasanna Ganapathe' followed, with brisk kalpana swaras between the duo adding sparkle and energy to the rendition.

It is rare to encounter kritis in Raga Garudadhwani beyond Tyagaraja's 'Tattvameruga.' Hence, Mysore Vasudevacharya's 'Devi Kamalalaye' was a refreshing inclusion. Other pieces like the evergreen 'Anupama Gunambudhi' in Raga Athana, the majestic Pancharathna 'Endaro Mahanubhavulu' in Raga Sri and 'Sada Palaya' in Raga Mohana added variety and depth to the concert. Each presentation was marked by well-defined gamakas and appropriate raga bhava, making it a delightful musical experience.

Vibhav's precision in laya and swara shuddhi affirmed his promise as a flautist of the future. Pavan Madhav and Sharath Kaushik provided vibrant rhythmic support throughout, enhancing the concert's overall texture.

The recital concluded with a few lighter tukkadas — 'Mahadeva Shiva Shambho' (Revathi), 'Govardhana Giridhara' (Darbari Kanada) and a lively Thillana in Dhanashree.

A young bundle of talent, Vibhav surely has a long and melodious journey ahead.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

WORD OF THE DAY

Sedentary

Pronunciation: SED-un-tair-ee (adjective).
Meaning: Something described as sedentary does or involves a lot of sitting. Sedentary can also mean "not physically active" (as in "a sedentary lifestyle") or "not migratory" (as in "sedentary birds" or "a sedentary civilization").
Origin: Sedentary comes from the Latin verb sedēre, meaning "to sit." Other descendants of sedēre include dissident, insidious, preside, reside and subsidy. Sedēre is also the base of the rare sedens, a noun that refers to a person who remains a resident of the place or region of their birth.
Example: "From open offices to home workstations, employees across industries invested in sit-stand setups with the hope of counteracting sedentary lifestyles." — Michelle Stansbury, Forbes, 25 Aug. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Salsipotent
Ruling the salt seas.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Skid row

Meaning: The phrase 'Skid row' refers to a poor area in a city where homeless people sleep outdoors or rent cheap rooms.
Origin: The term 'Skid row' originated around 1900, when the term 'skid road' was used to describe part of a town that was frequented by loggers, who made roads or tracks of logs laid crosswise on one another. The loggers, who were in town to have fun drinking at bars and visiting brothels, often stayed in cheap rooms or passed out on the street. By the 1930s, the term 'skid row' replaced 'skid road,' and its current meaning had come into use.
Example: "Jerry's drinking has gotten to be so bad that we're afraid he'll end up on skid row."

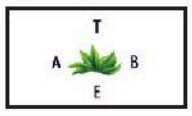
QUOTE BOX

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

— Oscar Wilde

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



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8	2	9	3	5	6	7	4	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

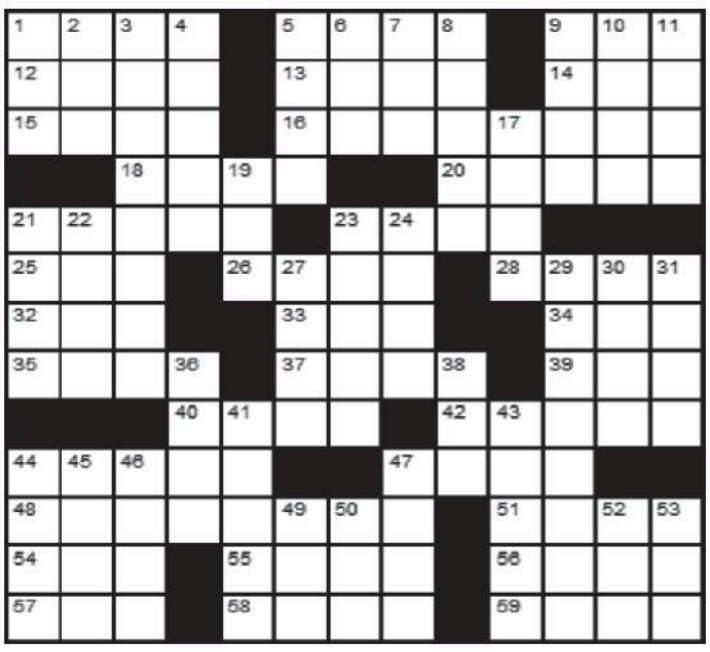
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Expense
5 Den
9 Central Maintenance Comp.
12 Smear
13 Operatic song
14 Reqd Time of Arr.
15 Old and withered for the poet
16 Dostoevski's ___ ____ Punishment (5,3)
18 Breathing sound
20 Sacred book
21 Snapshot
23 Scientology founder, Hubbard (1,3)
25 ___ de vie, brandy
26 Verve
28 Television award
32 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
33 Conductor __-Pekka Salonen
34 Arab sleeveless garment
35 Perform or accomplish again
37 Shabana or Kaifi
39 Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, acronym
40 A Scotsman might wear one
42 A stage of change or development
44 Guwahati locale
47 Shortly
48 Nosey Parker
51 Sharp pain
54 Abstract noun suffix
55 __ __ arms: ready for a fight (2,2)
56 Notion
57 Colloquial expressions for thanks?
58 Labourer of yore
59 Bound

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	S	S	O	■	A	R	A	B	■	A	A	A
I	L	L	S	■	S	E	R	A	■	L	P	S
R	I	O	T	■	T	A	C	T	I	C	A	L
E	M	B	R	O	I	L	■	M	O	A	■	■
■	■	■	I	E	R	■	M	A	N	T	R	I
A	M	L	C	D	■	A	A	N	■	R	U	R
P	O	O	H	■	E	L	Y	■	V	A	N	E
S	A	T	■	F	O	E	■	O	O	Z	E	D
O	T	H	E	R	S	■	P	R	Y	■	■	■
■	■	A	P	O	■	T	A	B	A	S	C	O
T	H	R	I	L	L	E	R	■	G	O	A	L
L	E	I	■	I	S	N	T	■	E	L	S	E
C	T	O	■	C	I	T	Y	■	S	O	T	O

DOWN
1 TV network
2 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
3 Besiege
4 Nice surprise
5 Fine open fabric
6 Flightboard abbr.
7 Three for Tiberius
8 Title role for Sylvester Stallone
9 Crustacean
10 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
11 Juniper
17 One in Oldenburg
19 Toss slowly
21 Fruit or it's shape?
22 Intensely dislike
23 Hungarian composer
24 Wander about aimlessly
27 ___ Madrid: Barcelona's La liga rivals
29 Major south Indian river
30 Business degrees
31 US college
36 Alright
38 BSE deal
41 Permeate
43 Scram, move away fast! (3,2)
44 Adjoin
45 Chapter of the Koran
46 Nav. readings
47 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago ?
49 Roman goddess of plenty
50 Racket
52 Born?
53 Goad for driving cattle



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

L RKCVFPCC, OVAP LF LKDEJERVOP, QLC DE RP

UNVZPF VF ENUPN DE HPD NPCKODC

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
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- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Mass Jathara (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Aaryan (Ta) -2 Shows; *Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Shastri (2005) (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Kona (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Ek Deewane ki Deewaniyat (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422 4241800

Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Aaryan (Ta)	(S-1)	1.25 pm; (S-3) 4.15 pm
	(S-2)	7.10 pm, 10.05 pm
Chainsaw Man (Japanese-3D)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Omen (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Aan Paavam Pollathathu (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Single Salma (H)	(S-2)	4 pm
Brat (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Kona (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	(S-3)	10.25 pm
Devdas 2002 (H)	(S-4)	11.15 am
Baahubali: The Epic (Te)	(S-4)	2.50 pm
Mass Jathara (Te)	(S-4)	7.05 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.45 pm
Aaryan (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Brat (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.40 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.30 pm
Aan Paavam Pollathathu (Ta)	:	1.25 pm
Kona (K)	:	1.45 pm, 4.10 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (K)	:	4.45 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (Te)	:	9 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (H)	:	3.40 pm
Brat (K)	:	9.40 am, 3.40 pm, 6.30 pm 10:20 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (H)	:	10 am, 5.40 pm, 10 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (K)	:	12.35 pm
Chainsaw Man (Japanese-3D)	:	10.05 am
Kona (K)	:	11.35 am, 4.45 pm
Thamma (H)	:	12.25 pm, 9.40 pm
The Black Phone 2 (E)	:	2.10 pm, 10.10 pm
The Taj Story (H)	:	2.20 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	:	3.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	:	4.55 pm
Aaryan (Ta)	:	7.20 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	:	7.50 pm
Main Hoon Na (H)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.05 pm 10.30 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (K)	:	10.10 am, 10 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (Te)	:	5.40 pm
Mass Jathara (Te)	:	10.15 am, 1.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Brat (K)	:	10.30 am, 2.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Aaryan (Ta)	:	1.40 pm
Kona (K)	:	4.30 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	:	4.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Thamma (H)	:	7.05 pm

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 4)

- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Sri Saptamatruka Devasthanam, 7th Main Road, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu:** Staging of Kannada play 'Nijamahatma Babasaheba,' written and directed by former Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 94484-22343]

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 5)

- **Department of School Education (PU), Mysuru district and RV PU College, Mysuru:** State-level Girls Athletic Sports Meet 2025-26, Department of School Education (PU) Director S. Bharath inaugurates, Dy. Director M.P. Nagamma presides, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad, **9 am.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Sri Balamurali Musical Group, Mysuru:** Musical Evening - Karaoke Programme, singers K.I. Prakash, G. Sridhar, I.P. Bhuvan, Neethu Umesh, Pallavi Pai and I.P. Yashas will perform, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Sri Saptamatruka Devasthanam, 7th Main Road, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Moonlight Music-285 programme, vocal duet by Vidushis S. Aishwarya & S. Saundarya, accompanied by Vidu. Adithi Prakash on violin, Vid. H. Hariharan on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata; Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Aishwarya & Saundarya *Adithi* *Hariharan* *Shamith*

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- **Sri Veerabhadreshwaraswamy and Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Devasthana Trust, Mysuru:** Kartika Month Special Puja, Shiva Deepotsava, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Baahubali: The Epic (K)	:	9.45 am, 10 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (Te)	:	5.25 pm
Brat (K)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Mass Jathara (Te)	:	10.05 am, 1.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.05 pm, 2, 7.05 pm, 10:30 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	:	2.05 pm, 7.30 pm
Kona (K)	:	4.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Dude (Ta)	:	4.35 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Mass Jathara (Te)	:	9.50 am, 4 pm, 10.10 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (K)	:	10.05 am, 6 pm
Baahubali: The Epic (Te)	:	1.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Brat (K)	:	10.30 am, 12.50 pm, 7 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	:	10.40 am, 4.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	1.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Kona (K)	:	2.25 pm, 7.25 pm
Omen (K)	:	5 pm
Aaryan (Ta)	:	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Special lecture tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru, has organised a special lecture titled 'Kannada's Contribution to Shaping Indian Theatre' on Nov. 5 at 6 pm at Hardwicke School Campus, JLB Road, Mysuru. [Mob: 94488-71815]

Ravindra Tripathi

The lecture will be delivered by Ravindra Tripathi, a renowned critic from Delhi, known for his deep insights into Indian theatre and cultural studies.

The session will highlight the remarkable contributions of eminent Kannada personalities such as Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, Adya Rangacharya, B.V. Karanth, M.S. Sathyu, Girish Karnad and others who have enriched and influenced the broader canvas of Indian theatre.

The lecture, which will be conducted in English, will be moderated by veteran theatre director Prasanna, adding further depth to the discussion.

Aananda-Aarogya devotional music

Mysuru, Nov. 4- As part of its Aananda-Aarogya programme, Dixit Aarogya Dhaama, Mysuru, has organised a devotional music concert by Suditi at its premises, #12, Main Road, C-Block, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, at 6 pm tomorrow (Nov. 5).

She will be accompanied by Ratna Teja on violin and Suhas Raghavan Iyengar on mridanga.

Also, there will be a talk on 'Child health care' by Dixit Aarogya Dhaama Director Dr. C.S. Anil Kumar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2511619.

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